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YAGIMOTO KAZUHIRO IS
THE ONE I'M GOING OUT WITH!
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KAZU IS...
SAOTOME-SAN'S BOY-FRIEND...?

第8話 My Feelings

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RATHER...
Th-The truth is
Kazuhiro isn't a real boyfriend... Umm he's just a fake boy-friend...!
Eeeh!?
By fake... what do you mean by that...!?

I...
YOU KNOW... IN THE PAST... THINGS HAVE HAPPENED, SO I'M NOT GOOD WITH MEN...
BUT IN MY WORK... IF I HAVE TO PLAY A ROLE OF A GIRL IN LOVE, THAT WON'T HELP ME...
TH... THEY SAID I HAVE TO BUILD UP SUCH EXPERIENCE EVEN IF IT'S A LIE,
SO I ASKED KAZUHIRO TO GO OUT WITH ME AS A FAKE BOYFRIEND...
I SAID IT

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE SITUATION-- THE POWERFUL TRUMP CARD OF MY BEING AN ACCOMPLICE...
I DON'T WANT TO RUIN THE RELATION-SHIPS I BUILT UP... TILL NOW.
BUT... FROM SUCH REASON...
U...
UMM, YOU KNOW ...
yes
ACTUALLY... ME TOO...
THAT... FAKE BOYFRIEND THING YOU'RE SAYING?
TAKANA-SAN!?

I GOT COURTED BY AN UNDER-CLASSMAN DUE TO A MISUNDER-STANDING...
SO I GOT TROUBLED.
AH... UMM I AM TOO, ACTUALLY ...
EH? EVEN SANAE?
MY SCHOOL...
IT'S AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL, RIGHT?

MY AUNT... IT'S BECAUSE SHE COMES SUGGESTING THINGS LIKE MARRIAGE PROPOSALS AND MARRIAGE INTERVIEWS...
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE A MAN I'M GOING OUT WITH.....
Buh
Ahahah
AREN'T WE ALL FAKE GIRLFRIENDS?
I...I AM DEEPLY SORRY.
TO THINK EVERYONE ASKED KAZU OF SUCH A THING~
THERE REALLY ARE MYS-TERIOUS THINGS, RIGHT?
IT REALLY MAKES YOU FEEL RELIEVED, HUH.

I GOT NERVOUS... BUT I'M GLAD I LET IT OUT...
NOW THAT EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE CALMED DOWN... OKAY... MAYBE TOMORROW, TO KAZUHIRO, I SHOULD...
...ALTHOUGH
I CAN'T HAVE KAZUHIRO-SAMA STOP ACTING AS MY LOVER.
EH?
SINCE I STILL... HAVEN'T RESOLVED THE PROBLEM AT HAND.
NEARLY... HIS INTERVIEW WITH SHIDZUKA-OBASAMA IS DRAWING IN.
BY THEN, I NEED KAZUHIRO-SAMA TO CONDUCT AS MY RELATIONSHIP PARTNER ANTICIPATING OUR NEAR FUTURE!

SA-
SANAE--- WHAT ARE YOU SA...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE CAN FINALLY SETTLE THE SITUATION...
AH, LISTEN, TAKANA.
SANAE, YOU SEE... DON'T YOU THINK SHE'S JUST OVER-THINKING?
WHY SANAE... SAYING SUCH...
THAT'S WHY... WE SHOULD TALK IT OUT ONCE MORE WITH EVERY...
EVEN I... HAVE MY OWN CIRCUM-STANCES, YOU SEE...
SAO-TOME...
EH...

I...IT'S BECAUSE MY JUNIOR, MOMONO, IS JUST SO INSISTENT.
S...SO UNTIL THAT GIRL GIVES UP, I NEED KAZU TO DO HIS BEST!
CAN'T WE JUST TELL KAZUHIRO OUR REASONS AND SAY "WE'RE SORRY" WITH ALL THE THREE OF US---!?
WHAT'S WROONG!? YOU TWO.

HEEY... AREN'T YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME?
EHH? WHAT SOME-THING?
WELL.. SINCE YOU WERE ABSENT-MINDED THE WHOLE DAY.
SAY... SINCE I HAD YOU GIVE ME AN ADVICE...
THIS TIME... IF YOU'RE FINE WITH ME, I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR...
I CAN'T JUST SAY... WE'RE FIGHT-ING BECAUSE OF KAZUHIRO, CAN I...?

HE-HEY.
KAZUHIRO... DO YOU HAVE AN IMAGE OF YOUR IDEAL GIRL?
EEH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
thump
WELL... SEE, WE'RE CURRENTLY LOVERS FOR THE TIME BEING, SO
I HAVE TO BECOME ATLEAST CLOSE TO YOUR IDEAL GIRL.
IDEAL GIRL... LE... LET ME THINK...
FO... FOR EXAMPLE
BETWEEN A GIRL WITH BIG BREASTS AND A GIRL WITH SMALL ONES... WHICH DO YOU PREFER...?
UH...

NE!... NEITHER OF THE TWO, I GUESS...
EACH HAVE THEIR OWN MERIT AFTER ALL...
EEH WHAT'S WITH THAT?
LET'S SEE... HOW ABOUT HAIR-STYLES? LIKE SHORT CUTS OR BRAIDED ONES.
AS LONG AS IT SUITS YOU, ANY STYLE IS FINE, I THINK.
THEN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF GIRLS WEARING GLASSES?
I HAD THEM BEFORE TOO, DIDN'T I?
YEAH... BUT I REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN PAR-TICULAR ABOUT GLASSES ...
.....THE TYPE OF PERSO-NALITY?
Like an energetic girl or a silent girl
I THINK ANY TYPE OF PERSONALITY HAS ITS GOOD POINTS.
Yeah

THE AGE, OLDER? YOUNGER? SAME AGE?
.....
IF IT'S JUST A DIFFERENCE OF TWO OR THREE YEARS, ANY...
haha
....SO KAZUHIRO ...
AS LONG AS IT'S A GIRL, ANYTHING IS FINE FOR YOU, HUH.
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STAB
I...IN THE PAST, I SUPPOSE I DID HAVE SOME INCLINATIONS THOUGH ...
FORGETTING THOSE FEELINGS, THIS BECAME THE RESULT OF YOU CONTINUING ON BEING THAT "GOOD PERSON"...
YEAH YEAH... RATHER!
ENOUGH ABOUT ME!
SAOTOME, HOW ABOUT YOU?
ME? UH... UHMMM ...
thump

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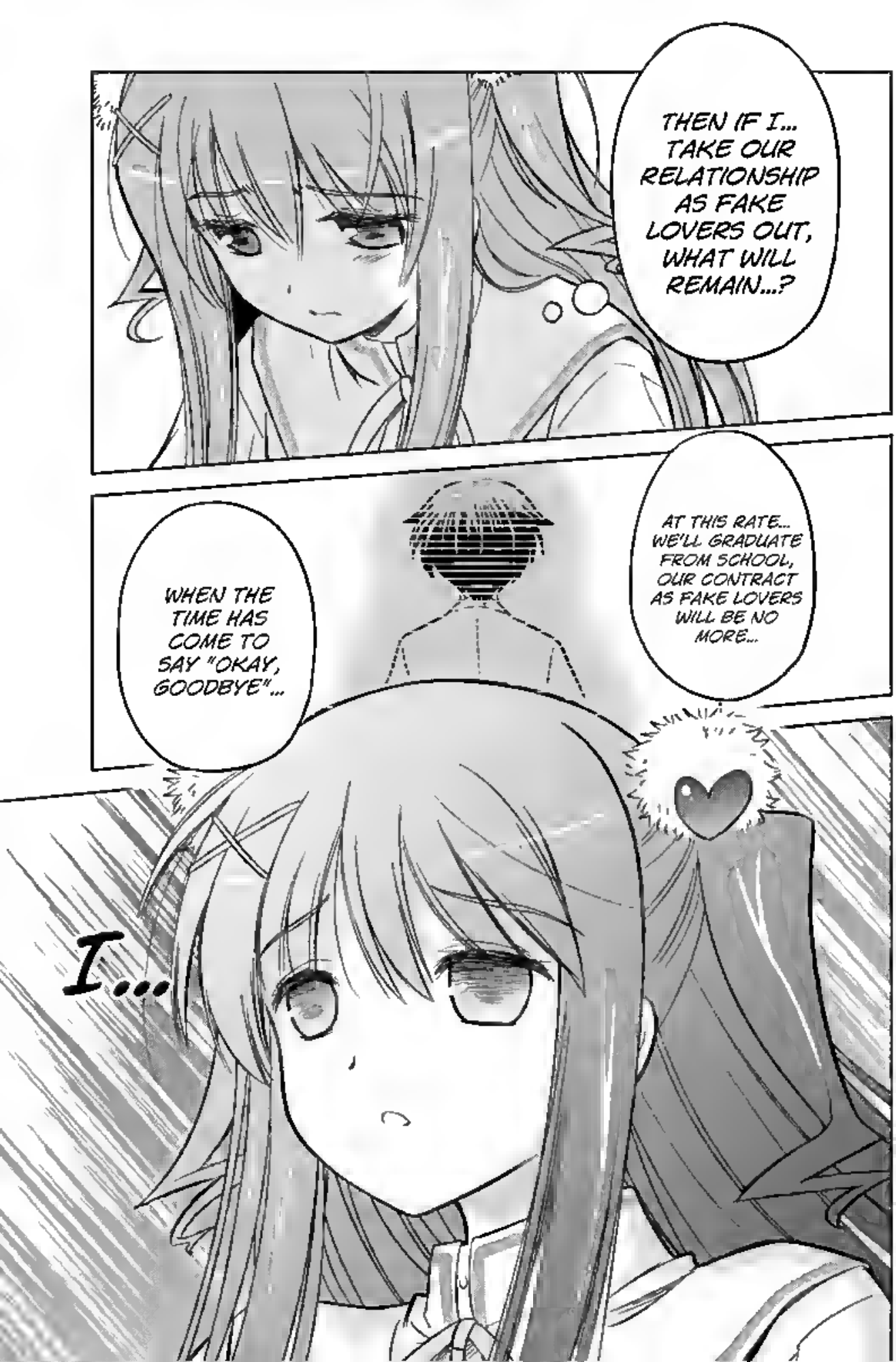
Gensou no Soirée
SEE, THIS ONE.
HEEH, WHAT KIND OF STORY IS IT THIS TIME?
...TH... THAT'S REALLY A SHAME... AND YOU WERE EAGER FOR IT.
AH BUT YOU SEE
AS REPLACEMENT, RATHER, I'M GONNA BE IN ANOTHER TITLE NOW!
everything was discontinued
THE AUTHOR HAD A LEAP OF FAITH... AND HE ALREADY STARTED HIS ASCETIC PRACTICE SO...
Eeeh!?
Why so!?
WE... WELL... IT GOT CANCELLED, SO.....
AH... YOU MEAN "TSUBO-EGU"?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT JOB THAT GOT DECIDED BEFORE? PROCEEDING FAVORABLY?
AH... THAT'S RIGHT.
things a boy like I would have
HEY RI... RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO FOCUS ON MY WORK!
I ALSO DON'T HAVE ANY IN PARTICULAR... ANYWAY!

THIS ONE GIVES AN EMPHASIS TO THE ACTION ROUTES, YOU SEE
AND THE ROLE I'M PLAYING IS THE BISHOUJO CHARA IN THE TEAM THAT FIGHTS THE MONSTERS..... BY POSITION, SHE'S THE THIRD, I THINK.
幻森のソウレ

STILL, SHE'S AN ATTRACTIVE CHARACTER NONETHELESS, RIGHT?
IT'S JUST A PITY THAT I'M NOT THE MAIN HEROINE, THOUGH.
YEAH, THE CHARACTERS LOOK CUTE, AND I THINK I LIKE THIS ONE BETTER!

IT FEELS LIKE THE SAOTOME WHO'S ONLY MINE IS GONNA BE GONE.
SERIOUSLY? DOING EVEN THAT.
see, in this magazine
YEAH YEAH, AND LISTEN, IN THIS TITLE.
I'LL BE HAVING MY OWN INTERVIEW AND GRAVURE PHOTOSHOOT!
...BUT STILL, HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS.
ISN'T THAT GREAT! IT'S LIKE YOU'RE A REAL IDOL.
NEVERTHELESS, IT'S SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY FOR.
JUST SAY A WORD IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH!
...EH?
RATHER, IF I'M YOUR REAL BOYFRIEND, I GUESS I'LL BE SAYING THAT~

THINKING ABOUT IT... ME AND KAZUHIRO ARE JUST CLASS-MATES...
THE ME WHO'S ONLY... KAZUHIRO'S ...?
SHE'S HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND TO BEGIN WITH, SO THEY SPEND A LONG TIME WITH EACH OTHER.
SANAE... WHILE BEING A COLLEAGUE IN WORK, HAS SERIOUS CIRCUM-STANCES THAT EVEN LEAD TO MARRIAGE PROPOSALS...


THEN IF I... TAKE OUR RELATIONSHIP AS FAKE LOVERS OUT, WHAT WILL REMAIN...?
AT THIS RATE... WE'LL GRADUATE FROM SCHOOL, OUR CONTRACT AS FAKE LOVERS WILL BE NO MORE...
WHEN THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY "OKAY, GOODBYE"...
I...

HMMM? WELL IF IT ISN'T SANAE.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE~ TO THINK WE'D MEET IN SUCH PLACE.
TAKANA-SAN, YOU TOO.
I SURELY THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD CLUB ACTIVITIES.
TODAY IS REST DAY, YOU SEE.
IS THAT SO? I'M ALSO ON A DAY-OFF FROM MY WORK.
SO, WHY ARE YOU IN FRONT OF KAZU'S PLACE?
YOU TOO, TAKANA-SAN, WHY ARE YOU HERE?

THAT IS... SO THAT NO BAD BUGS WILL GET CLOSE... RATHER, ME AND KAZU ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
AND OUR HOMES ARE JUST NEXT TO EACH OTHER, SO EVEN IF I'M HERE, NOTHING'S WEIRD ABOUT IT, RIGHT?
IS THAT SO? WHILE THE DEMONS ARE OUT, I WAS JUST... THAT'S NOT IT.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO INVITE KAZUHIRO-SAMA TO THE TENKYUUIN HOUSE AS PROMISED BEFORE...
HMMM I SEE, THOUGH I JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN KAZU'S GONNA COME HOME.
SO ISN'T IT BETTER IF YOU LEAVE FOR TODAY?
NO, NO, IT'S AN IMPORTANT PROMISE AFTER ALL... SO I'LL HAVE MYSELF WAIT.
YOU TOO, TAKANA-SAN... WHY DON'T YOU GO REST INSIDE YOUR HOME AND NOT IN FRONT OF KAZUHIRO-SAMA'S PLACE?

YOU'RE RIGHT, JUST WAITING HERE IS QUITE TIRING SO I THINK I'LL REST MYSELF IN A BED IN KAZU'S PLACE.
THOUGH I THINK THAT IS GONNA BE IMPRUDENT OF YOU.
IT'S FINE, YOU KNOW? THAT'S SOME-THING WE ALWAYS DO, AFTER ALL.
AAH BUT HAVING MY SLEEPING FACE SEEN MANY TIMES, IT'S EMBARRASS-ING, I GUESS.
IF HE DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING ABOUT IT, THEN MAYBE HE'S NOT SEEING YOU AS A WOMAN, AM I RIGHT?
トコトコ
YOU SEE, SAOTOME.

MY HOME... WANNA TALK INSIDE?
I MAY BE OF HELP IN GIVING YOU AN ADVICE FOR YOUR WORK.
SAOTOME ...?
Ah Kazu.
Eh?
KAZUHIRO.

■ Saotome, in the offensive!!

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